

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine future directions of energy research and development and to identify key scientific and technological hurdles that must be overcome in order to pursue these new directions, after receiving testimony from Steven Chu, Secretary, and George W. Crabtree, Senior Scientist, Associate Division Director and Distinguished Fellow, Materials Sciences Division, Argonne National Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; James T. Bartis, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia; Michael L. Corradini, University of Wisconsin Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics Program, Madison; and Robert M. Fri, Resources for the Future, and Deborah L. Wince-Smith, Council on Competitiveness, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S. STRATEGY REGARDING IRAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States strategy regarding Iran, after receiving testimony from Zbigniew Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), The Scowcroft Group, both of Washington, D.C.

RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT SPENDING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending, including preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery, assisting those most impacted by the recession, investing in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure to provide long-term economic benefits, and stabilizing state and local government budgets, after receiving testimony from Robert Nabors, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census, after receiving testimony from Barbara Everitt Bryant, former Director, and Robert B. Hill, former Chair, both of the United States Census Bureau; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; Lawrence D. Brown, University of Pennsylvania The Wharton School, Pennsylvania; and John Thompson, National Opinion Research Council, Chicago, Illinois.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads;

S. 256, to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine; and

The nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, and David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.